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## SUBMISSION OF COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 53(f) and Rule 54, please find enclosed a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for the application of Rao S. Bezwada et al. entitled Method of Preventing Adhesions with Absorbable Polyoxaesters attorney Docket No.ETH-1387, to complete, pursuant to Rule 51, this application filed on August 17, 1999 by Express Mail pursuant to Rule 10. As required, a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is also attached.

Please charge Johnson & Johnson Deposit Account No. 10-0750/ETH-1387/HW in the amounts of \$130.00 for submission of the Declaration pursuant to Section 1.16(e). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 10-0750/ETH-1387/HW. This sheet is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Method of Preventing Adhesions with Absorbable Polyoxaesters, the specification of which

(check one)	is attached hereto.
	was filed on August 17, 1999 as
	Application Serial No
	and was amended on (if applicable)

- I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.
- I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.
- I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 (a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

## Prior Foreign Application(s):

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing	Priority Claimed Under 35 U.S.C. 119	
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith as well as to file equivalent patent applications in countries foreign to the United States including the filing of international patent applications in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty: Audley A. Ciamporcero, Jr. (Reg. #26,051), Steven P. Berman (Reg. #24,772), Andrea L. Colby (Reg. #30,194), Michael Stark (Reg. #32,495), Matthew S. Goodwin (Reg. #32,839 and Hal Brent Woodrow (Reg. #32,501) One Johnson & Johnson Plaza, New Brunswick, NJ 08933.